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NO. 8.

Miscellaneous Advertisements.

SEASONABLE GOODS AT W. H. MOORE & CO.'S

Handkerchiefs.

Handkerchiefs in abundance. All kinds Linen Handkerchiefs. Silk Handkerchiefs. Foulard Handkerchiefs Embroidered Handkerchiefs. Handkerchiefs with Printed Borders, Mufflers, Etc., Etc.

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Ladies' and Gent's Kid Gloves, Scotch Wool Gloves, Cashmere Gloves, Buckskin Gloves and Fur Gloves Desirable and Cheap.

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A large stock of Dress Goods, out of which you can get just what you want at a much less price than you ever bought them before.

Neckwear.

A full line of Ladies' and Gent's Neckwear. The Newest and Best in the Market. Prices Low.

Boots and Shoes.

Our stock of Boots and Shoes in Ladies' Men's and Children's is complete. You can get just what you need. We call special attention to our "Wedge Heel Shoe" in Ladies and Misses'. They made of the very best stock, very easy to the feet, and every pair is guaranteed. Try them and you will buy no other kind.

Rubber Goods.

Of all kinds, Stock Full. Electrified and Transparent Ladies' Gossamer. Beautiful and Good.

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A. G. COX, Agent

Nov 27-28

"ROCK OF AGES."

"Rock of Ages, cleft for me,"
Through many a weary, dark and gloomy night
I have found a resting place;
From her stithy, gleaming tongue;
Sang as sing little children sing;
Sang as sing the birds in June;
Fell in words like bright leaves down
On the current of my time—
Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in Thee."

"Let me hide myself in Thee."

Feeble soul no need to hide;

Sweet the song as song could be;

And she had no thoughts beside;

All the words unheeding."

Feeble soul no need to care,

Remembering not that such might be;

On some other lips a prayer:

"Rock of Ages, cleft for me,

Let me hide myself in Thee."

"Rock of Ages, cleft for me,"

'Twas a woman singing now,

Pleadingly and prayerfully :

"Every word her heart did know;

Trembling through the voice, and low,

Had the sweet smile of a reality,

Rock of Ages, cleft for me,

Let me hide myself in Thee."

"Rock of Ages, cleft for me,"

Life's storms leaped from the sky,

Every note with sorrow stirred,

Every syllable a prayer.

"Rock of Ages, cleft for me,"

Life's joys and sorrows hid,

With all its wealth and woe;

With all its joys and sorrows hid,

Nevermore, O storm tossed soul!

Nevermore, from wind or tide,

With them I fly, cleft for me,

Let me hide myself in Thee."

"Rock of Ages, cleft for me,"

Who's strong can stand;

With all its wealth and woe;

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urable first impression on my beautiful cousin. When he had hidden us good-night I went up to my own room, and with an aching throbbing of my heart I sat beside the open window, and tried to recall the incidents of the past two hours. Was I jealous of Philip Gilbert? Had he only been courteous to a stranger, and that stranger my own cousin? Was this my loyalty to a lover, to nurture within my breast a woman's mean and pitiful suspicion of his fealty to a plighted troth? And while thinking thus Gertrude Harland entered the room. She seated herself on a low stool at my feet, and, crossing her hands on my knee, she looked up in my face. I thought it was in a tone of flattery she laughed.

"How long I slept I know not, but I was awakened by a clangorous knock at my door and the voice of our old gardener calling in terrified tones:

"Open the door, quick! There is a fire in the kitchen!"

"I am a gray-haired woman now, and

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SPECIAL NOTICE.
On the label of each paper will be found the date of expiration of the subscription. If this date is wrong please notify us at once. If you are in arrears please remit at once.

New Advertisements.

The following new advertisements appear in this issue of the *Transcript*:

—Dr. Lobb.

—Rupture.

—Lost & Found.

—Bach & Sons—Phosphate.

—Wanamaker & Brown—Clothing.

—J. G. Bradon—Artist's Materials.

—M. L. Hardinge—Gents Furnishings and ladies neckwear and handkerchiefs.

LOCAL AFFAIRS.

Town Notes.

—Short credits make long friends.

—Get the best: THE MIDDLETOWN TRANSCRIPT.

—The sun rises to-morrow (Saturday) at 6:45 and sets at 5:41.

—And yet doctors die! This is a big joke of the doctor.—Josh Billings.

—We might have worse roads but we don't know what we do with them.

—Lork & Phillips' phosphate factory at Odessa is running again, making extra time.

—Thimbles used with India rubber are among the newest things in the notion trade.

—The weather on Thursday was as mild as a baked apple and overcoats were superfluous.

—The Rev. J. France, P. E. of the Eastern District, will preach next Sunday morning at the Methodist Church.

—Read every advertisement in this issue. They are all fresh, live ones for which people pay their money and get good value.

—Ten men are at present at work on the freight house at Middletown station, making the long needed repairs upon the structure.

—We have an interesting description of Washington Territory from a former resident here now located in that far off land, and will print it in our next issue.

—A small coral and gold scarf pin was found on the floor in the Odessa Hall after the ball on Thursday morning and the owner may have it by applying at the office.

—There has been a great religious revival at Delaware City. One hundred have been converted at the M. E. Church and twenty-five at the Presbyterian Church.

—Talley, the murderer of Hanby near Wilmington, has been acquitted. A right-minded verdict, for, to the average observer, if there ever was a man who deserved what he got it was Hanby.

—Wanamaker & Brown present a new advertisement this week. They are a reliable firm and their goods have a wide reputation for quality and lowness of price. Give them a call when you are in the city.

—We are always thankful for items of news no matter what they are about, so long as they are accompanied by the name of the writer as of good faith. We make it an object for any one to send us more news at any point and they can begin right away.

—Mr. J. B. Custer's stock of, etc., etc., at Mt. Vernon Place, Kirkwood, set down for Wednesday, February 2nd, should not be missed. The stock is fine and all the property good. He will also sell at the same time two handsome dark bay driving horses, young, strong, stylish, speedy and sound.

—A recent inspection made by Mr. W. Naylor of Blackett hundred, developed the fact that fourteen coves containing in all ninety birds and averaging six to a covey, remain of game in this section since the close of the shooting season. This is good hunting and a promise of excellent sport next year.

—Messrs. W. Scott Roberts, G. E. Hausey, McKenney Downes and W. Scott Way, distinguished from the Philadelphia Press Association to their credit, International Editorial Association of America, Cincinnati, O., February 23rd, to-morrow and by gone about one week.

—Mr. H. A. Norland, treasurer of the H. F. Alderson association, wishes us to say that no more money is forthcoming as dividends or anything else, and that the affairs of the association are being closed up as fast as possible and stockholders are being paid their share of the cash in the treasury at the time of the closing up of the affairs of the association. Those who have recently received cheques have received all that is coming to them.

—About twenty-five young ladies and gentlemen met at the M. E. Parsonage, Tuesday evening, from whence they proceeded to the home of Master Emilie Mason, whom they had not long been privy to. The evening was spent in singing and playing games after which refreshments were served and the guests departed at an early hour expressing themselves as having spent a very pleasant evening.

—Mr. John C. Smart, has decided to remain for another year in Middletown, and will continue to occupy the Town Hall offices as heretofore. He has rented one of the Naudau houses on east Main street, and will remove his family thither March 25th. Mr. F. McWhorter will also remain and will conduct his business from the Town Hall building using a part of the store occupied by J. C. Smart. He also removed one of the Naudau houses on east Main street.

—Send me five copies of *The Transcript*, the *Press* and *Advertiser* and you will have an excellent array of good and wholesome reading for a small sum which you cannot help but send in your subscription forthcoming. Our types are the best; our workmanship unequalled; we spare no pains; consequently our job printing is the best on the market and we will prove every word of it. We are constantly adding new material and improving the capacities of our offices as circumstances require.

—Mr. John W. Wright, of Middletown, had a narrow escape from serious if not fatal injury at Townsend on Monday evening. The carriage he was driving struck the turnpike express which arrived at the crossing in time to dash into the rear wheel of his carriage, the horse and carriage with Mr. Wright having passed safely over the track. We do not learn that Mr. Wright was at all injured. Some boys were recently caught on the bridge at Townsend by one of the two cars and were obliged to cling to the under portions of the bridge as a means of safety, there not

being sufficient time for them to get to the land. We prefer to do our fishing at less dangerous points.

—We were shown a postal card on which was written the Declaration of Independence. It was not cross-lined either, and each word was legible. Try it.

—We have a lot of envelopes, the boxes of which were injured in the fire which occurred at the post office, which we will sell at a bargain to clear them out. A man driving a team for M. N. Willets ran into a tree in the Academy yard, Monday, broke the axle short off, and threw himself out. He was not much hurt.

—Mr. Harry Budd, of Sassafras, was married to Miss Ida Ferguson daughter of John Edward Ferguson at her residence, near Cecilton, Md., on Tuesday evening the 10th instant.

—Common rumor has it that the firm of Freeman & Reeves, publishers of *The New Era* is on the point of dissolution, but we should not be surprised to hear that they will be merged with another.

—Mr. Joe R. Hoffacker received six pair of South Carolina quilted yesterdays and will turn them loose in this vicinity for breeding purposes. This bird is smaller than our quail, flies more swiftly and is therefore a more desirable game bird.

—About thirty-five young people gave Misses Mary and Clara Barnett of near Mill Creek a surprise last evening. The hours were pleasantly spent with games and social intercourse. Refreshments were served during the evening and at about twelve the party bid their general hostesses good night much pleased with the visit.

—Mr. Arthur feels encouraged by the liberal response made to his propositions to raise tomatoes for his cannery here. About sixty acres have been contracted for, and he desires forty more. The cannery will begin operations about August 10th. Repairs will be commenced on the old foundry building this week and it will put in thorough condition so that work may be commenced when the fruit is ripe.

—The entertainment advertised to be given at Sassafras for the M. E. Church on Tuesday evening was voted a decided success. W. D. Howell's comedy "The Register," was introduced at the first performance, the audience being taken by Miss Hettie Justice, Mrs. Baker of Middletown, and Messrs. Harry and J. F. Griffith. A supper was given afterwards which was well patronized.

—The enterainment and suppers were continued each night until this evening. We will give the amount of the proceeds in our next issue.

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LIFE'S LESSON.

So that we live this life full just and well, No other need of us will ever be asked; And though beyond our strength we may feel, We are tested.

"Tis of our strength alone that we must tell, Our sin is higher than we ourselves do will And none more true than some that seem quite ill.

Effect is never cause. The motive pure And half the battle's won. There is no fame.

More true than this, though it may seem the same.

And make upland where they are yet not sure To what they lend applause. And over all The same sun shines, the same dewes equal fall.

Few meet what they expect. The end we crave Is not the end that's given. And time has

"Tis better so," though heart rebel and head Bow low in longing. And every grave Of every hope is but the sepulchre of Some who have left earth, or time, or love.

Ladlady—"Did you see Mr. Smith?"

Mr. Smith—"Did I? I have seen him, indeed; why, I loved him to think when I was a little boy, perhaps, after all, I should live longest, and the thought made me sad."

—*LEY OF THE CONGO.*

—*Captain's Log.*—The Log of the Congo would be to the world's latest work over those which are now in process of achievement may be briefly stated in his own words:

"From the mouth of the Congo a steamer drawing fifteen feet of water can steam up the river 110 miles, and opposite to this point (the head of the estuary) we have built stations on both sides of the river, that is, the north or right bank (i.e., Vivi) being the principal. Hence, in order to avoid the Yellala Falls, we take a land journey of 52 miles to a point where we have built another station. We then take boats, and steam or row 88 miles to a point opposite which there are stations constructed on each side of the river. Thus comes another land journey to reach our last station.

uninhabited English miles. With the road past Stanley Falls we could proceed 350 miles farther up the river, and then a portage of two miles would give us 650 more. In addition to these distances upon the Congo itself, its larger affluents make up a total navigable length of more than 2000 miles. Along the main stream we have constructed thirteen stations in the most likely places, among peaceful tribes, with whom we are on terms of familiar intercourse, and who have welcomed us as brothers."

The importance of these measures, which practically bridge over the gap, dividing the inland trade of the upper Congo from the coast trade of its lower course, can hardly be over-rated.

What sort of morality is that which satisfies itself in the non-payment of a debt because it is a small amount—a trifle.

What sort of morality is that which seeks to evade meeting his creditor lest he should be more plainly reminded of his indebtedness.

What sort of morality is that which satisfies itself in the non-payment of a debt because the creditor is presumed, by the debtor, not to need what the debt calls for?

What sort of morality is that which satisfies itself in the non-payment of a debt because a failure in farming, or other enterprise or undertaking.

What sort of morality is that which reasonably is expected to develop apace. Bounded on the north by the watershed of the Nile, on the south by that of the Zambezi and the Lope, on the east by Lake Tanganyika, and on the west by the Atlantic Ocean, this vast tract comprises almost the whole southern portion of Central Africa, having a length of 1400 miles by a breadth of 1200, and an area of 1,300,000 square miles. Its population, though a mere nothing to that which it may support with ease at a very distant date, is already very considerable. In one section of the upper Congo Mr. Stanley counted fourteen tolerably large villages within a very limited space; and the most reliable among the many estimates of the total population rates it as high as 40,000,000.

The lower Congo enjoys the priceless advantage of traversing an intermediate zone admirably fitted for cultivation, separating two opposing tracts, in one of which cultivation is rendered impossible by absolute want of water, and in the other by a permanent excess of it. The great mass of forest and swamp covering the basin of the Niger and almost the whole of the west coast stretches southward as far as the mouth of the Ogway River, about fifty miles south of the equator. Here it gradually begins to melt away, the rivers being still thickly wooded, while the open country assumes the form of wide green savannahs, dappled with clumps of trees, and representing the "park-like region" so often and so enthusiastically referred to by Mr. Johnston. This in its turn gives place by degrees to the scantier vegetation of the Portuguese provinces of Benguela and Moçambique, growing thinner and ever thinner as it recedes from the limit of the oil palms at the tenth parallel of south latitude, till the last trace of vegetable life vanishes on the border of the great Kalahari Desert, which lies immediately north of the Orange River and Cape Colony.

It is through the great natural park above mentioned that the Congo flows downward to the sea, with all the commercial advantages that can be given to it by a magnificent climate and a soil of unexampled fertility. Among the products of the Congo basin enumerated by Mr. Stanley are palm oil, cassava, plantains and other fruits, palm wine, copper, iron, vermillion, camwood, tobacco, sugar-cane, etc.

for a survey. He keeps them now along in quite promising fashion.—

Editor.

Church Directory.

ST. ANN'S PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH.
Rev. J. Beers, Rector.
Sunday services at 10:30 a. m. and 7:00 p. m.
Friday 3:30 p. m. and Sabbath School at 2:30 p. m.

MIDDLETOWN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.
Rev. A. Stengle, Pastor.
Preaching every Sabbath at 10:30 a. m. and 2 p. m. Sabbath School every Sabbath at 3 p. m. Alfred G. Cox, Superintendent.
Prayer Meeting every Tuesday evening at 7:00 o'clock. The Church Meeting is as follows: Sunday 9 a. m., M. D. Wilson, Leader. Monday evening, at 7 o'clock, W. H. Moore, Leader; Tuesday evening, at 7:00 o'clock, Rev. Dr. C. C. Orton, Leader; Wednesday evening, at 7:00 o'clock, Alfred G. Cox, Leader.

The seats are free and all are welcome.

FOSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Rev. W. C. Alexander, Pastor.

Services every Sabbath morning at 10:30 a. m. and every Sabbath evening, from October to April, at 7:00 o'clock. The Church Meeting is as follows: Sunday 9 a. m., M. D. Wilson, Leader. Monday evening, at 7 o'clock, W. H. Moore, Leader; Tuesday evening, at 7:00 o'clock, Rev. Dr. C. C. Orton, Leader.

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